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ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal constructions are being raised on the land belonging to the Department of Communications in Delhi as well as other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such cases that have been noticed during the last three years and thereafter;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the time by which these illegal constructions are likely to be removed; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop/prevent any such illegal construction in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b)In 24 vacant plots owned by Department of Posts, illegal constructions like hutments and jhuggi-jhopris have been raised. No illegal construction on the land owned by Wireless Monitoring Organisation under Department of Telecommunications has been reported.

In so far as Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, are concerned, the assets and liabilities pertaining to Department of Telecommunications Services, Department of Telecommunications Operation and partly of Department of Telecommunications (except those required for the use by Department of Telecommunications) have been transferred to them with effect from the date of their formation.

(c) The following steps have been taken in this regard by Department of Posts:

(i) The heads of Circles/Units have been instructed to review and monitor such case at their level from time to time.

(ii) Assistance from Local/Police authorities are sought for removal of the illegal construction,

(iii) Secretary, Department of Posts has requested all the Chief Secretaries of State Governments to help in removal of encroachments on land owned by the Department.

(d) It is not possible to set a time from as most of the cases are sub-judice in different courts.

(e) To protect the lands from encroachments and illegal construction action have been initiated to raise boundary walls in phased manner subject to availability of funds.